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This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on December 28, 2004. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of claims 28 and 29. Claim 21 has been amended to become, in effect, an independent version of claim 28. The remaining claims have been amended in view of this amendment of claim 21. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Entry of this Amendment in order to place the application into condition for allowance is respectfully solicited. With this Amendment, claims 21-27 and 29-34 are pending in the application.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

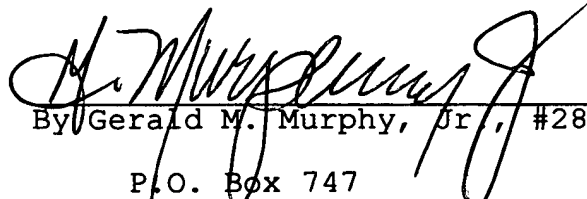
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any

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additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17;  
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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